

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

~~Slurry~~ A stable, storable slurry consisting essentially of ~~containing~~ water, amorphous silica particles having a particle size less than 1 μ m, ~~and~~ silica flour with a particle size between 2 - 200 μ m, ~~characterized in that the slurry contains~~ and a preconditioned polysaccharide as a stabilizer, wherein the polysaccharide has been in a water medium for at least 15 minutes before it is added.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended)

~~Slurry~~ The slurry according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the polysaccharide is a cellulose derivate selected from the group consisting of ~~among~~ xanthan, carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose and mixtures of these compounds.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended)

~~Slurry~~ The slurry according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the slurry contains comprises between 0.01 and 3 grams of polysaccharide ~~pr. litre~~ per liter of slurry.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)

~~Slurry~~ The slurry according to claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~ wherein the slurry ~~contains~~ comprises between 0.05 and 1.5 grams of polysaccharide ~~pr. litre~~ per liter of slurry.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended)

~~Slurry~~ The slurry according to claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~ wherein the slurry further ~~contains~~ comprises one or more of dextrin, guar gum and locust bean gum.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ A method for the production of a slurry containing water, amorphous silica having a particle size below 1 um, and silica flour with a particle size between 2 - 200 um, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising: adding a polysaccharide ~~is added~~ to a slurry of water and amorphous silica, where after mixing the silica flour ~~is mixed~~ into the slurry of amorphous silica.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized ~~in that~~ wherein the polysaccharide is ~~preconditioned~~ in a

water containing medium for at least 15 minutes before
adding to the slurry.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 7, characterized
~~in that~~ wherein the water medium polysaccharide is
~~preconditioned in~~ a slurry of water and amorphous silica.

Claim 9 ((Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized
~~in that~~ wherein the silica flour is mixed into the slurry
of water and amorphous silica using a high shear energy
mixer.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized
~~in that~~ wherein the polysaccharide is added to the slurry
of amorphous silica and water in an amount necessary to
provide a content of polysaccharide in the final slurry of
0.01 to 3 grams ~~pr. Litre~~ per liter.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 10, characterized
~~in that wherein the polysaccharide is added to the slurry~~
of amorphous silica and water in an amount necessary to
provide a content of polysaccharide in the final slurry of
0.1 and 1.5 grams ~~pr litre~~ per liter.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized
~~in that wherein the polysaccharide added is a cellulose~~
~~derivate selected from the group consisting of among~~
xanthan, carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose,
hydroxyethylcellulose and mixtures of these compounds.

Claim 13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (New)

The method according to claim 6, wherein the slurry
further comprises one or more of dextran, guar gum and
locust bear gum.